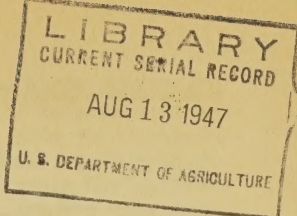


1.933
N47
Cap 2

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Rural Electrification Administration
Washington 25, D. C.



August, 1947

NEWSLETTER TOPICS

OVER THE MANAGER'S DESK -- With about 2600 consumers there are many requests for service calls which we do our best to keep up with. June 2 was a light day and we received only six tickets. I thought you might be interested in them.

Dale Ferrell in Jefferson Township asked for a temporary meter pole connection. Lester Judd on the D6 in Smith reported limbs were touching the line and wanted them trimmed. We hope to get over a lot of lines this summer but will take care of special requests. Lawrence Hesting wants a third wire for an electric stove. He has been using electricity heavy enough that a 3 kva transformer will be hung in place of his present 1 1/2 kva size. We like to know when ranges are added so that we can make sure you have good voltage. Carl Rink on the BA3 in Cleveland reports his 30-gallon water heater is ready for inspection so that he can get the extra cheap water heater rate. Stella Adams from Crooked Lake wants us to find out if we can serve her home. We'll have to field-check this. Wilber Ertel at Shrinor Lake has his permanent home ready for connection and installation of third wire. He has had a meter pole service since he started construction. The above gives you some idea of the number and kind of requests received daily.

OUT OF SERVICE BECAUSE -- Each month we will print a list of our outages and describe the cause:

5/8/47 Lemuel Smith - A14 - Pole 133A Time off 10:30, Time call Received 11:00. Time on 12:40. Members affected 2. Squirrel on transformer blew fuse.

5/2/47 C. F. Nehor - D6 - Pole 34 - Time off 12:45. Time call received 2:00. Time on 2:10. Members affected 101. Line being worked on by line crew.

LETTERS -- Whitley County R.E.M.C., Columbia City, Indiana, Gentlemen: I would like to avail myself of your offer to cut trees where they interfere with power lines... I have a white oak tree about 24" in dia. in my front yard (limbs from this tree broke the power line last winter) that should should come out. I will identify the tree by a gob of white paint, located in front yard - property at Northwest corner of Bethel and Dupont roads - Southeast corner of Bel River Township... I will clean up the tree if you cut it... Thank you, John L. Lare. (LIGHT POST -- Whitley County Rural Elec. Membership Corp., Columbia City, Ind.)

DELINQUENT BILLS -- Seems as though all we have to do is remind the membership of this type of bill and something is done about it. We are glad to inform our members that this type of bill has decreased this month and according to our records there were only 17 on our books as of closing date. Let's keep the good work up and clean this situation up. Also, remember we must have your reading with your payment. It might surprise you members who are usually late with your payments to know how much extra work it involves as well as our having to report you to REA as delinquent. REMEMBER YOUR PAYMENT MUST BE IN THE OFFICE ON OR BEFORE THE 25TH.

TRUE COOPERATIVE SPIRIT -- Mr. Chagnon of Halifax came into the office and reported that a tree near his place might cause some trouble if not taken care of in the very near future. Mr. W. B. Wiegand of Bernardston reported that some birches on the northern boundary of his property needed to be trimmed. This is the kind of thing which makes a Cooperative, "An ounce of prevention"-- you know-- . Thank you members.

OUTAGES THIS MONTH -- We have had several outages this month that were the result of failure of Central Vermont Public Service to give us adequate service. The outage May 4th was caused by a landslide on the Green River Road, taking down seven hemlock trees and putting our line in the brook. Service was restored as quickly as possible. PLEASE REPORT IMMEDIATELY TO THE OFFICE AND REVERSE THE CHARGES ANYTHING UNUSUAL THAT MAY CAUSE AN OUTAGE. It is your COOPERATIVE and you must be patrolman in your section. (Halifax Electric Cooperative, Inc., Brattleboro, Vermont)

SUBSTATIONS -- The job of changing transformers at our St. Stephen and Seneca substations was completed as scheduled on May 20th and 21st. Our crew worked in a heavy downpour of rain on the 21st, but in spite of this handicap, they removed six 7,000-lb. transformers and installed three 10,000-lb. transformers in two hours and 35 minutes or less than scheduled time. At St. Stephen substation on the 20th, three 10,000-lb. transformers were removed and three 16,000-lb. transformers were installed in two hours and three minutes. This was exceptionally good time for handling heavy equipment. Increased capacity at these substations insures an adequate supply of power for about 3,300 co-op members, regardless of their rapidly increasing load, due to added electric stoves, water heaters, deep freeze units, hay driers, power motors, etc.

OPERATING STATISTICS

Members billed	4,140
Average KWH consumed	194.6
Average bill	\$6.28
Miles energized	1113.6
Density per mile	3.7

OTHER INTERESTING ITEMS

Taxes for the month of April	\$1,136.62
Wholesale power purchased, April	\$9,938.40

(NORTH CENTRAL NEWS, North Central Electric Cooperative, Inc., Attica, Ohio)

AMONG OUR CO-OP MEMBERS -- We extend our Thanks to Mrs. T. C. McCoy of Bluff Springs, Florida for notifying us Saturday, April 19th about an airplane cutting our power line off in the Bluff Springs, Bogia and McDavid Communities. The plan cut the line intwo, it fell in the road and Mrs. McCoy kept traffic off the line until we were able to get there and remove and repair it.....J. E. Walker and F. C. Stewart have a new Home Freezer.....We are sure the following are enjoying their new milking machine: W. L. Smith, Morgan Baker, Dick Lundy, P. E. Shell, J. W. Mitchell and L. G. Spears.....B. Mixon has a new electric stove.....Let us know when you purchase new electrical equipment so we might put it in our newsletter. (ALONG THE LINE, Escambia River Electric Co-op, Inc., Jay, Florida)

ANOTHER OUTAGE CASE UNNECESSARY -- This is to report another case of sportsmen getting careless with their shooting arms near 3 C 231, just off State Route 185, west of Piqua. The lower section of the 3 C line suffered an interruption for approximately 45 minutes in the earlier part of June during one of the showers which was so common at that time. When the trouble was located the telltale lead marks caused by rifle bullets were very plain on two insulators near that spot. Again the line held until moisture provided a path to the ground which caused the short circuit and break the line fuse. The penalty for such actions should be very heavy and I am sure the majority of members will agree to support the cooperative in any action which it should take against such evidence. We recently paid \$100.00 reward to a good member in Shelby County who reported four hunters so that the Sheriff arrested the men who in turn confessed and provided \$100 reward money as a penalty for their actions. (Pioneer Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc., Piqua, Ohio)

PLEASE NOTIFY US IF WE HAVE YOUR ADDRESS WRONG -- We had a very embarrassing situation arise from the wrong listing of the address of W. E. Moberly, Liberty, Missouri. We had his address listed Excelsior Springs, Mo., and he had received several letters from our office due to kindness of the postmaster at Excelsior Springs changing the address. Last month Mr. Moberly sent us his check for energy and it was lost in the mail. The office mailed him a disconnect notice to the Excelsior Springs address and it was returned stamped "Address Unknown." The billing clerk assumed he had moved and ordered the service disconnected. We extend our apology to Mr. Moberly through this letter, as he has always been one of our most cooperative members. Our records show that he has never earned a penalty since he has been connected to the line. (THE ELECTRIC FARMER, Platte Clay Electric Cooperative, Platte City, Missouri)

THANKS to the following members who sent in meter readings without having their cards: R. L. Deshazer, John Erickson, H. A. Moran, Morace Roberts, John M. Rucker, Harry Erickson, W. B. Mackoy, Steve Nickoloff, Ernest L. Rowe, and T. M. Williams. (COOPERATIVE NEWS, Verdigris Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc., Collinsville, Oklahoma)

ADEQUATE WIRING -- Today saw the completion of another installation of the "central meter pole location" idea that we are recommending.

Emmett P. Brush, Jr., $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles north of Piqua, revamped his outside scheme of wiring by having the cooperative install a meter pole at as near a central location as possible and breaking from there to each building separately. On the meter pole under the meter, he has installed a load center by which he can fuse each major building separately. A fault or fire in one building will not disturb the service in another building.

He has reduced his voltage drop greatly by having a much shorter line to each building and having the proper wire size to each building. You should ask him how much better his motors run.

Last week Guy Wilson, east of Christiansburg, completed the same idea and there are many more that you will hear about as soon as we can visit them and get the story. (Pioneer Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc., Piqua, Ohio)

IRA COWELL MAY BE SHIRTLESS -- If Ira Cowell, who lives near Renfrow, Oklahoma, doesn't have a shirt to wear, it's because he played the Good Samaritan to Green Reynolds and Tom Gadon, Kay Electric linemen. Green and Tom were working on the line near the Cowell place when a cold shower came up very suddenly giving them a good soaking. Ira insisted that they put on dry shirts to wear back to town. Thanks very much, Ira--the fellows really appreciated your thoughtfulness. (Kay Electric Cooperative, Blackwell, Oklahoma)

PARTY LINE -- H. J. Messersmith, of RR #3, Argos, installed a test meter on his home freezer and found that it used 62 kwh in 42 days, or about $1\frac{1}{2}$ kwh per day. The freezer will hold 1,000 pounds of meat. (MARCO FLASH, The Marshall County RREC, Plymouth, Indiana)

NEWS ITEMS -- Thanks to Atlas Flowers for reporting the "Roman Candles" he saw on the line last week. Lightning had broken an insulator but it had not fallen from the pin. The line had been patrolled twice but the broken insulator had not been located. When the air became damp at night the current flashed over and Atlas saw it. Thanks, Atlas! (North Plains Electric Cooperative, Incorporated, Perryton, Texas)
